

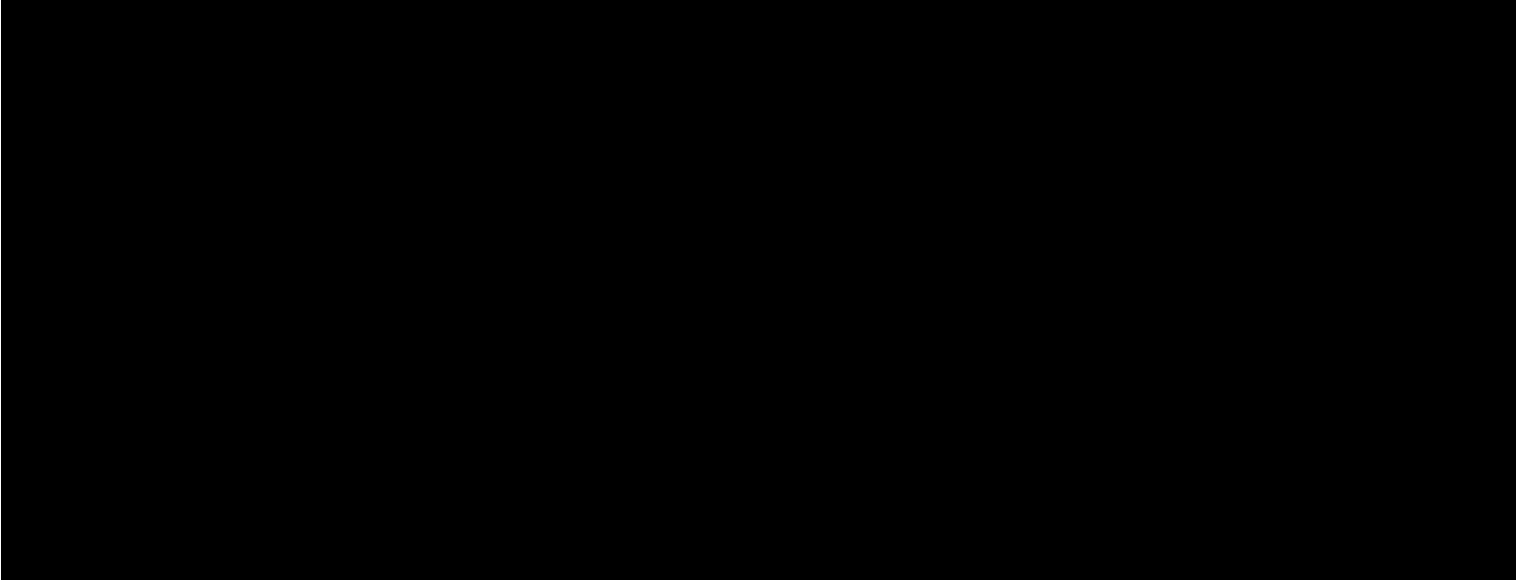
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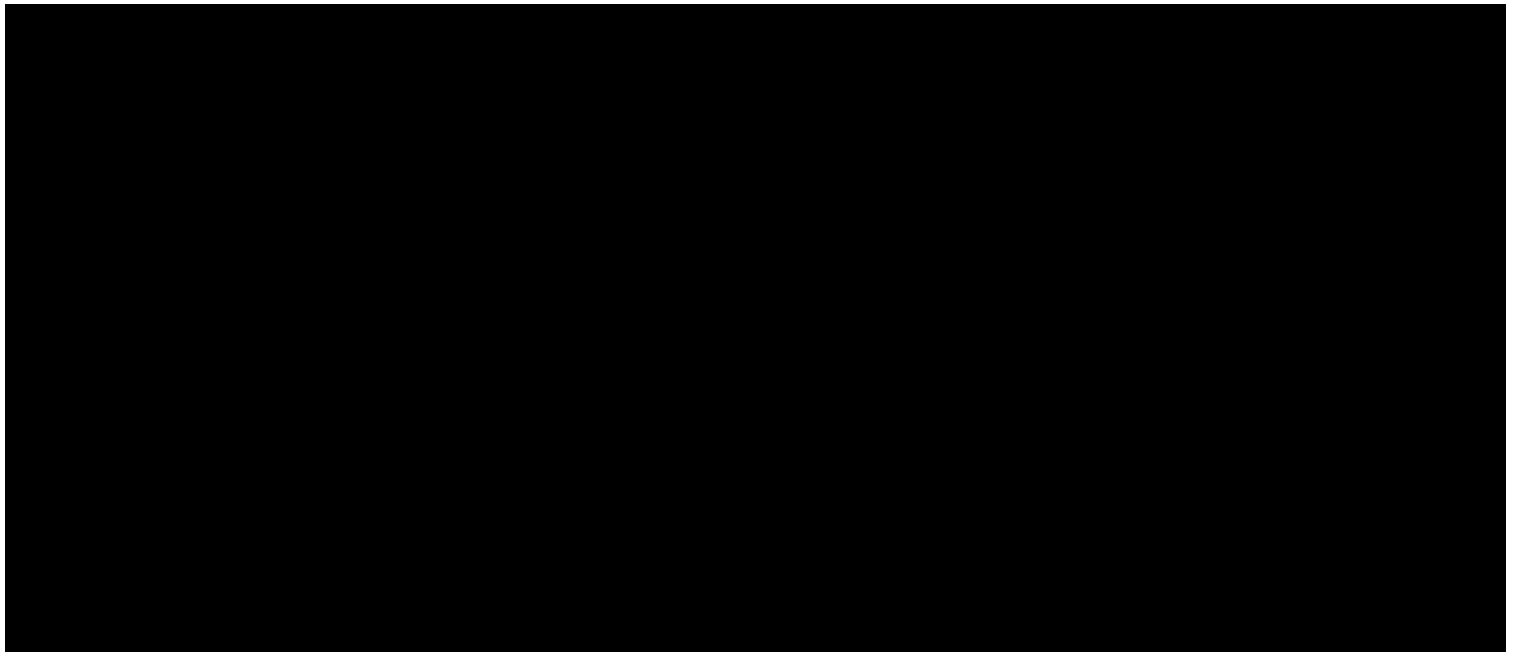
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### OPA Daily Digest for 11/5/13



#### Press Inquiries:



**Hutchinson News** – Mary Clarkin – 11/4/13 – Responded to inquiry about compliance with water issues in Pretty Prairie, Kansas. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

#### Environmental Stories:

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Clashing views on climate, coal plant regulation on display at EPA listening session - 11/4/13** - For all the diversity on display, the 300 or so people crammed into the Environmental Protection Agency's regional offices in suburban Kansas City on Monday came bearing two messages — opposing messages — about efforts

to curtail climate-warming greenhouse gas pollution. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/clashing-views-on-climate-coal-plant-regulation-on-display-at/article\\_ea00b94a-c744-5a01-bec8-2e3a021b0950.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/clashing-views-on-climate-coal-plant-regulation-on-display-at/article_ea00b94a-c744-5a01-bec8-2e3a021b0950.html)

**Topeka Capital-Journal - EPA invites opinions on coal-plant emissions policy | Public forum in Lenexa shines light on carbon pollution debate** - 11/4/13 - A divergent group represented opinions shared during the lengthy session focusing on Obama's call for cost-effective regulations that address carbon emissions at generating stations across the United States. <http://cjonline.com/news/state/2013-11-04/epa-invites-opinions-coal-plant-emissions-policy>

**Associated Press - Obama-backed ethanol policies 'raping the land'** - 11/4/13 - The hills of southern Iowa bear the scars of America's push for green energy: The brown gashes where rain has washed away the soil. The polluted streams that dump fertilizer into the water supply. Even the cemetery that disappeared like an apparition into a cornfield. It wasn't supposed to be this way. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2013-11-04/obama-backed-ethanol-policies-raping-land>

**New American - EPA Shutting Down Last-standing U.S. Primary Lead Smelter** - 11/4/13 - The last standing primary lead smelter (shown) in the United States will be closing in December — thanks to the federal Environmental Protection Agency's continuing war on American industry. <http://www.thenewamerican.com/economy/sectors/item/16880-epa-shutting-down-last-standing-u-s-primary-lead-smelter>

**American Thinker - SCOTUS Revisits EPA Regulation of CO2** - 11/5/13 - On October 15, 2013, the US Supreme Court (SCOTUS) granted 'Certiorari' to Petitioners who have been suing the EPA over regulations to control CO2. [http://www.americanthinker.com/2013/11/scotus\\_revisits\\_epa\\_regulation\\_of\\_co2.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2013/11/scotus_revisits_epa_regulation_of_co2.html)

**Salon - Coal ash ruling provides opportunity for environmentalists to sue EPA** - 11/4/14 - The federal district court ruling finding EPA has a duty to review its Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) coal ash rules every three years could open the door for groups to sue the agency to force reviews of years-old solid and hazardous waste rules. [http://www.salon.com/2013/11/04/coal\\_ash\\_ruling\\_provides\\_opportunity\\_for\\_environmentalists\\_to\\_sue\\_epa\\_newscred/](http://www.salon.com/2013/11/04/coal_ash_ruling_provides_opportunity_for_environmentalists_to_sue_epa_newscred/)

**Colorado Statesman - EPA covers earth, wind, fire in Denver hearing | Hearing strikes discordant responses** - 11/4/13 - A storm of environmental issues blew through Colorado this week as the Environmental Protection Agency took comments in Denver on creating strong carbon pollution standards for power plants, while the state grappled with air quality violations, devastating fires and shrinking water resources. <http://www.coloradostatesman.com/content/994453-epa-covers-earth-wind-fire-denver-hearing>

**The News Leader, Springfield, Mo. - State to hold meeting on CU coal ash landfill proposal** - 11/4/13 - As City Utilities continues its push to expand its coal ash landfill, the public will have the chance this week to question state and utility officials about the expansion. <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20131104/NEWS01/311040079/State-to-hold-meeting-on-CU-coal-ash-landfill-proposal>

**Lincoln Journal-Star - Environmental Trust Board reinstates initial lobbying policy** - 11/4/13 - It's back to business as usual for the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board after it rescinded a controversial policy change made in July that essentially prohibited trust staff from lobbying the Legislature. [http://journalstar.com/news/local/environmental-trust-board-reinstates-initial-lobbying-policy/article\\_51269d00-16c5-558c-8ac2-08b80a9db3d2.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/environmental-trust-board-reinstates-initial-lobbying-policy/article_51269d00-16c5-558c-8ac2-08b80a9db3d2.html)

**KSHB Ch. 41 Kansas City - Gas plume spreading under Lawrence, Kan., street** - 11/4/13 - Homeowners in Lawrence have new concerns after the Kansas Department of Health and Environment informed them that the gas plume that created a house explosion has grown. [http://www.kshb.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/gas-plume-growing-under-the-city-of-lawrence](http://www.kshb.com/dpp/news/local_news/gas-plume-growing-under-the-city-of-lawrence)

**Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier (Iowa) - Cover crop field day set near Plainfield** - 11/4/13 - Iowa Learning Farms, along with Practical Farmers of Iowa, will host a cover crops field day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 12 at Rick Juchems' farm near Plainfield. The event will focus on cover crops for soil health as part of the Nutrient Reduction Strategy. [http://wcfcourier.com/business/local/cover-crop-field-day-set-near-plainfield/article\\_0fccf0b7-b705-5a26-a20c-c975485f9ee3.html](http://wcfcourier.com/business/local/cover-crop-field-day-set-near-plainfield/article_0fccf0b7-b705-5a26-a20c-c975485f9ee3.html)

**USA Today - Could fracking boom peter out sooner than DOE expects?** - 11/3/13 - The future of the U.S. fossil fuel industry rests largely on fracking, which has brought a surge in oil and gas production. Energy experts disagree, though, on how long this boom will last. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/11/03/fracking-boom-bust-us-energy-independence/3328561/>

**Omaha World-Herald - UNL plans separate state report that will include human impact on climate change** - 11/2/13 - The University of Nebraska-Lincoln said it will issue a report that includes the role of humans in climate change

— now that the state's climate committee apparently plans to exclude the impact of humans in a separate study. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20131102/NEWS/131109695/1658#unl-plans-separate-state-report-that-will-include-human-impact-on-climate-change>

**Kansas City Star - Editorial: Water plan urgently needed in Kansas** - 11/4/13 - Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is looking out for the long-term interests of Kansas by calling for a long-term plan to manage the state's water supplies. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/11/04/4598220/water-plan-urgently-needed-in.html>

**Lincoln Journal-Star - Green Plains buying ethanol plants in Wood River, Minnesota** - 11/5/13 - Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. of Omaha announced a definitive agreement to acquire two ethanol plants of BioFuel Energy Corp. from a lender group that took them over. [http://journalstar.com/business/agriculture/green-plains-buying-ethanol-plants-in-wood-river-minnesota/article\\_2b70540f-253d-5854-9bbe-d7ca3353434f.html](http://journalstar.com/business/agriculture/green-plains-buying-ethanol-plants-in-wood-river-minnesota/article_2b70540f-253d-5854-9bbe-d7ca3353434f.html)

**Des Moines Register - Iowa utilities joining drill simulating knockout blow to nation's power grid** - 11/5/13 - As worries increase about the vulnerability of the nation's power grid, Iowa's largest electric utilities will participate next week in a closely watched exercise simulating a knockout blow to United States' electrical supply by cyber-sabotage and physical attacks. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/11/05/iowa-utilities-joining-drill-simulating-knockout-blow-to-nations-power-grid/article>

**KDHE (release) - KDHE Seeks Public Comment on Remediation at Kansas Oxide Site in Kansas City** - 11/4/13 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is requesting public comment on a draft Agency Decision Statement (ADS) document which describes the preferred remedial alternative for addressing lead soil contamination at the Kansas Oxide Site in Kansas City, Kan. [http://www.kdheks.gov/news/web\\_archives/2013/11042013.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/news/web_archives/2013/11042013.htm)

**PR Newswire - Cargill begins operations at Fort Dodge corn wet mill ethanol facility** - 11/4/13 - Cargill announced today that it has begun operating its corn wet mill ethanol plant in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Cargill purchased the idled facility from Tate & Lyle in 2011. <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/cargill-begins-operations-at-fort-dodge-corn-wet-mill-ethanol-facility-230543071.html>

**Boston Globe - We're running out of water to grow food, Lester Brown warns** - 11/4/13 - Forget peak oil. It's peak water we should worry about, says Lester R. Brown. "Water is far more important than oil," according to the prolific author, founder of the Worldwatch Institute, and now president of the nonprofit Earth Policy Institute. [http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/green/greenblog/2013/11/were\\_running\\_out\\_of\\_water\\_to\\_g.html](http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/green/greenblog/2013/11/were_running_out_of_water_to_g.html)

**National Hog Farmer - Conferees Outline Farm Bill Priorities** - 11/4/13 - The 41 members of the conference committee outlined their priorities and issues that need to be addressed during the opening session of the farm bill conference. <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/business/conferees-outline-farm-bill-priorities>

**Greenwire - Environmentalists look to carbon markets to slow grassland conversion** - 11/4/13 - Spurred largely by high crop prices and increased demand, landowners in the Great Plains have converted hundreds of thousands of acres of native grasslands over the past several years into fields of corn and soybeans. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989917/feed>

**Christian Science Monitor - Good news on global warming? Emissions going up, but more slowly** - 11/4/13 - A new study suggests that carbon-dioxide emissions last year – while still a record high – grew more slowly than over the past 10 years on average. That could signal an important change. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2013/1104/Good-news-on-global-warming-Emissions-going-up-but-more-slowly>

**The Atlantic - 5 Charts That Explain the Great Energy Shift** - 11/4/13 - The United States is undergoing the greatest revolution in energy production in decades thanks to the shale-gas boom and the rise of renewable energy. <http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2013/11/5-charts-that-explain-the-great-energy-shift/281116/>

**Huffington Post - Attacks On Clean Energy Failed Across The Country: Report** - 11/1/13 - Efforts to roll back renewable energy standards in the states this year have largely failed despite the best efforts of conservative groups, according to a new report. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/11/01/renewable-energy-states\\_n\\_4194915.html?1383345861](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/11/01/renewable-energy-states_n_4194915.html?1383345861)

**The Hill - White House revisits 'social cost of carbon'** - 11/4/13 - The White House will seek new public comment on the "social cost of carbon" (SCC), a metric that helps regulators estimate the benefits of rules that cut greenhouse gas emissions. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/189152-white-house-revises-agrees-to-see-comment-on-%E2%80%98social-cost-of-carbon%E2%80%99>

**The Hill - UN report: Chances to limit warming are slipping away** - 11/4/13 - The odds of cost-effectively avoiding the most dangerous effects of climate change will “swiftly diminish” unless countries quickly begin taking stronger steps to curb greenhouse gas emissions, the United Nations warned Tuesday. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/189226-un-report-chances-to-limit-warming-are-slipping-away>

**Bloomberg - Fuel-From-Soy Makers Mount Last-Ditch Lobby Push on EPA** - 11/4/13 - Companies that make biofuels from corn husks, soy and other materials are mounting a last-ditch lobbying campaign to prevent a weakening of the U.S. renewable-fuel mandate, saying a lower requirement would set back an industry that is ready to blossom. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-11-04/fuel-from-soy-makers-mount-last-ditch-lobby-push-on-epa.html>

**Chemical & Engineering News - Switching To Biodiesel May Have Little Health Benefit** - 11/5/13 - Air Pollution: The net human health impact of regulations mandating use of biodiesel blends is minimal compared to benefits from stricter emission controls. <http://cen.acs.org/articles/91/web/2013/11/Switching-Biodiesel-Little-Health-Benefit.html>

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**Brownfield Ag News - POET's cellulosic project is moving forward** - 11/4/13 -Farmers are now harvesting and delivering bales of corn residue for the 2014 opening of Project LIBERTY in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Project LIBERTY is POET-DSM's 20-million-gallon-per-year cellulosic bio-ethanol plant currently under construction. The facility will use corn crop residue—cobs, leaves, husk and some stalk—to produce renewable fuel. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/11/04/poets-cellulosic-project-moving/>

**Brownfield Ag News - Iowa Farm Bureau defends diesel fuel tax exemption** - 11/4/13 - The president of Iowa Farm Bureau says a suggestion to eliminate the fuel tax exemption for diesel fuel that's used on farms, to help deal with a shortfall in the state's road construction budget, doesn't make sense. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/11/04/iowa-farm-bureau-defends-diesel-fuel-tax-exemption/>

**KTRS 550 AM – Discussion about the status of the West Lake Landfill** – 11/5/13 – State Rep. Bill Otto, his advisor Harvey Ferdman, and resident Dawn Chapman discuss their concerns about the West Lake Landfill on the McGraw Milhaven Talk Show. <http://www.ktrs.com/shows/weekdays/the-mcgraw-show>

**BNA - Four Republicans Ask EPA to Explain 'Hiatus' in Global Temperature Increases** - 11/5/13 - Senate Republicans are pressing the Environmental Protection Agency to explain the disparity between international climate models and actual recorded temperatures. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37945346&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2z9a1m5&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37945346&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2z9a1m5&split=0)

**BNA - White House Lowers Figure on Social Cost Of Carbon, Announces New Comment Period** - 11/5/13 - The White House has slightly lowered the figure federal agencies will use to estimate the cost of climate change impacts after it conducted additional modeling. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37945335&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2z8k7h3&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37945335&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2z8k7h3&split=0)

**BNA - Scientists Argue for Nuclear Power Expansion To Address Climate, Saying Renewables Lag** - 11/5/13 - The deployment of more new nuclear power is needed to stave off the effects of climate change because renewable energy resources aren't coming online fast enough, four scientists wrote in an open letter to environmental groups and others. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37945354&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2z9g2v5&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37945354&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2z9g2v5&split=0)

**BNA - Citing Impact of Shutdown, EPA Postpones Issuing Final Rule on Cooling Water Intake** - 11/5/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency said it will delay issuing until Nov. 20 a final rule to require more than 1,000 power plants and industrial facilities to obtain Clean Water Act permits for their cooling water intake structures, citing the government shutdown in October as a force beyond its control. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37945349&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2z9c0x0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37945349&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2z9c0x0&split=0)

**Inside EPA - Facing Criticism, OMB Plans Comment On Revised 'Carbon Cost' Estimates** - 11/5/13 - The White House plans to provide a new chance for public input on the administration's recently revised "social cost of carbon" (SCC) estimates that officials use to quantify the benefits of greenhouse gas (GHG) rule.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201311052451874/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/facing-criticism-omb-plans-comment-on-revised-carbon-cost-estimates/menu-id-202.html>

**Inside EPA - Fearing Effects On Children, NIEHS Chief Seeks Stricter Scrutiny Of Toxics** - 11/5/13 - Linda Birnbaum, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), is calling for stepped up assessment and regulation of industrial and agricultural chemicals, including in addressing risks of low-levels of exposure, tightening pending legislation overhauling the TSCA, and strengthening EPA rules for pesticides that have been shown to have adverse neurological effects on young children, like chlorpyrifos. <http://insideepa.com/201311052451881/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/fearing-effects-on-children-niehs-chief-seeks-stricter-scrutiny-of-toxics/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Academics' Debate Over Improving Carbon 'Cost' Model May Boost Critics** - 11/4/13 - Academics are suggesting ways to improve the climate models the Obama administration used to develop its upwardly revised social cost of carbon (SCC) measure providing likely fodder to critics of the updated SCC values. <http://insideepa.com/201311052451846/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/academics-debate-over-improving-carbon-cost-model-may-boost-critics/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA, Environmentalists Weigh Ozone NAAQS Litigation Deadline Deal** - 11/4/13 - Environmentalists and EPA are in tentative talks about trying to settle litigation Sierra Club and others filed to force a court-ordered deadline for the agency to revise its ozone national ambient air quality standard. <http://insideepa.com/Risk-Policy-Report/Risk-Policy-Report-11/05/2013/epa-environmentalists-weigh-ozone-naaqs-litigation-deadline-deal/menu-id-130.html>

**Inside EPA - GOP Senator Urges EPA Against New Facility Safety Rules For Fertilizer** - 11/4/13 - Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) is urging EPA not to grant calls by Democrats and advocates to add the fertilizer ammonium nitrate to the list of substances regulated under its facility safety rules. <http://insideepa.com/Risk-Policy-Report/Risk-Policy-Report-11/05/2013/gop-senator-urges-epa-against-new-facility-safety-rules-for-fertilizer/menu-id-130.html>

**Inside EPA - New Research Shows Continuing Need To Regulate All Sources Of PM2.5** - 11/4/13 - New separate research efforts funded in part by the power and auto sectors have failed to identify which components of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) are the most harmful to human health. <http://insideepa.com/Risk-Policy-Report/Risk-Policy-Report-11/05/2013/new-research-shows-continuing-need-to-regulate-all-sources-of-pm25/menu-id-130.html>

**Inside EPA - House Panel Advances CWA Waivers** - 11/4/13 - The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has approved three measures exempting some agriculture activities from federal water regulations, acting largely to ensure the provisions can move on a separate legislative track if they are ultimately dropped from the final House-Senate conference report on the Farm Bill. <http://insideepa.com/201311042451789/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/house-panel-advances-cwa-waivers/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - Judges Signal Support For Retaining Local Waste 'Flow Control' Powers** - 11/4/13 - Two appellate judges sitting on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit are signaling their support for retaining Supreme Court precedent giving local governments power to direct waste flows to publicly owned landfills. <http://insideepa.com/201311042451784/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/judges-signal-support-for-retaining-local-waste-flow-control-powers/menu-id-95.html>

#### **Press Releases:**

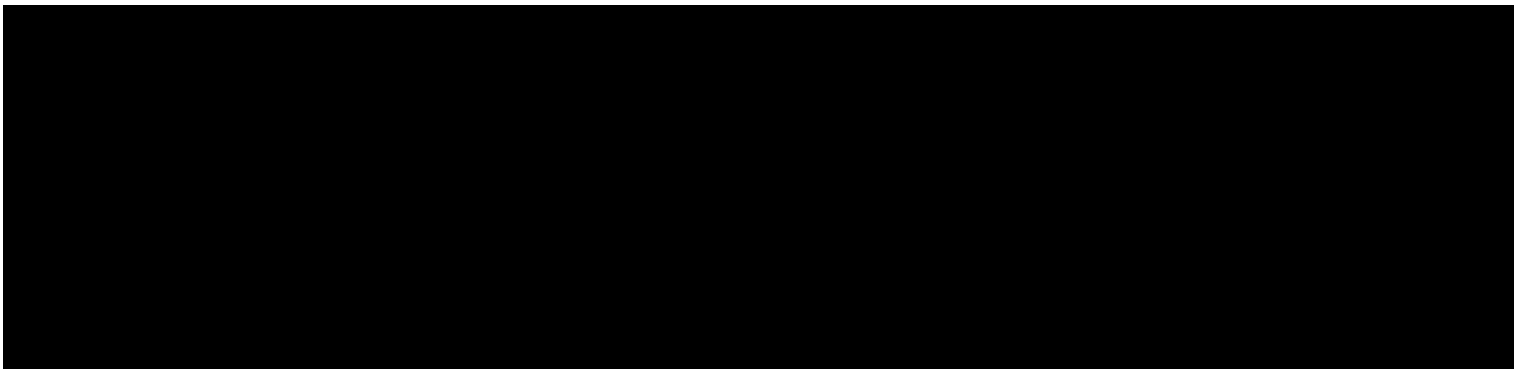
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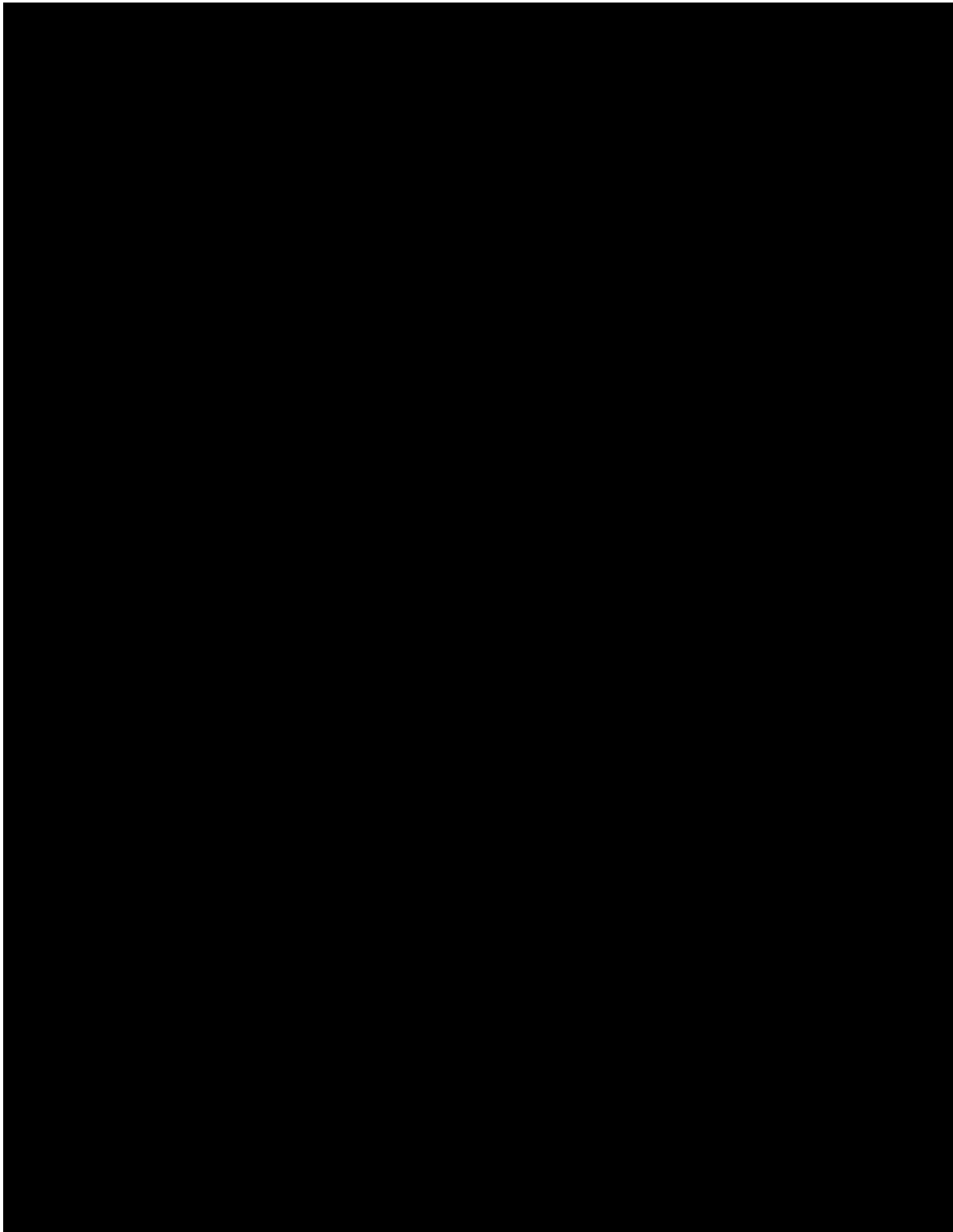
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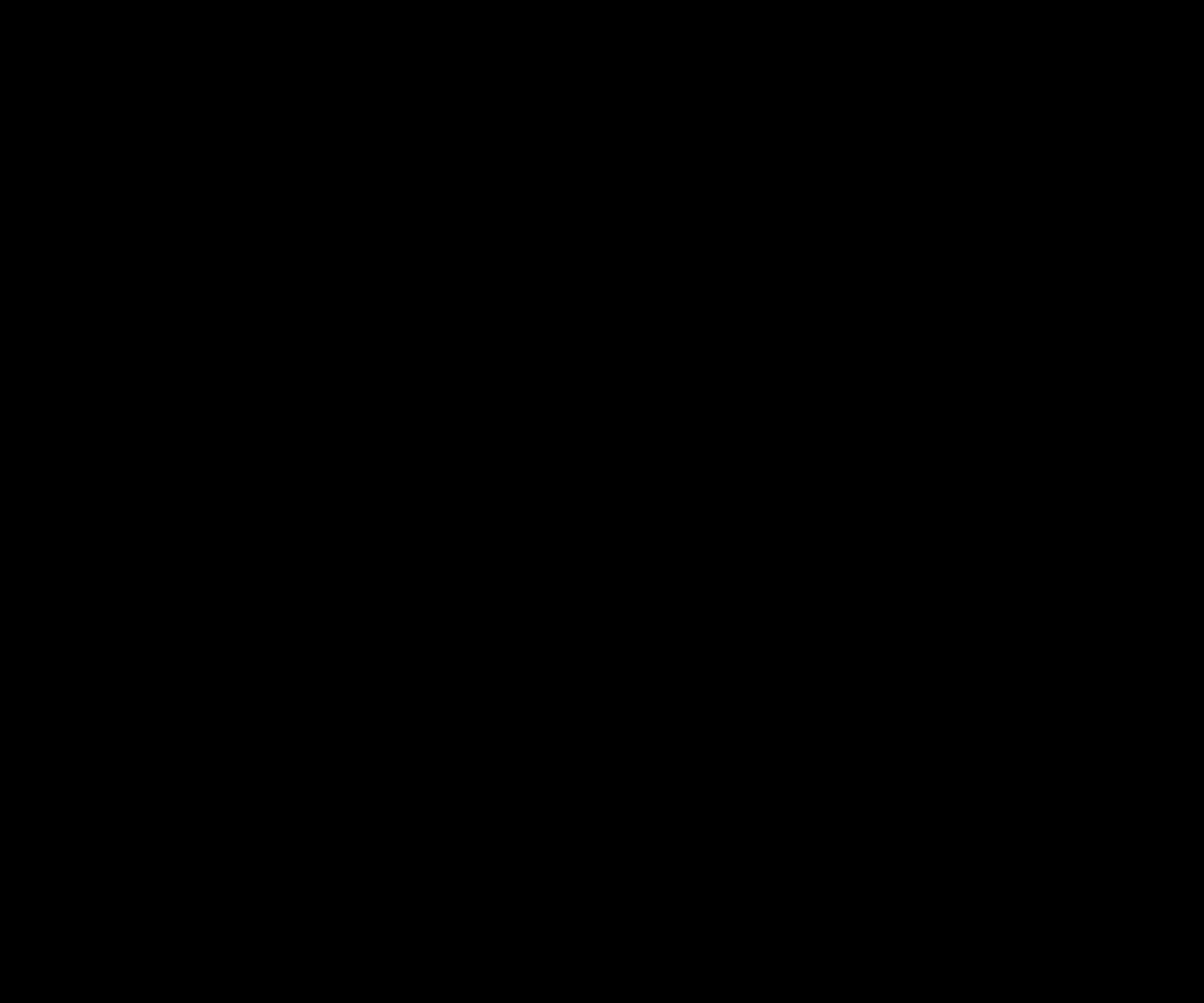
#### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

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